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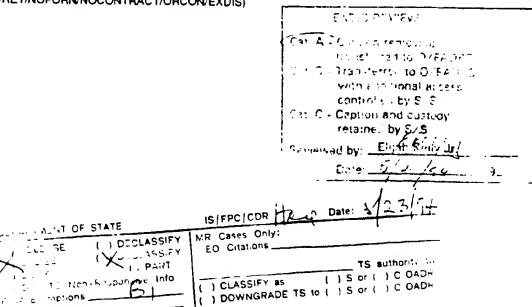
PRC Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, at a press conference yesterday in Nairobi, said deployment of multinational forces in the Gulf was an "individual act" "not done in accordance with UN resolutions." An article in yesterday's *People's Daily* called on Iraq to "relinquish its armed invasion and annexation" while warning US forces to "think twice before taking any action."

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